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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Serial No.: 09/720,979 (U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP99/03552)  
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For: **Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector for Nerve Cell**  
Inventors: Fukumura et al.  
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Sir:

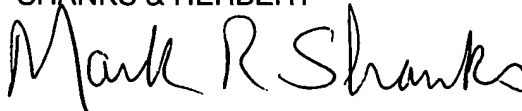
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4. One (1) Return Postcard.

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